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RE: **USSN 10/647,022, Filed August 18, 2003**
"Porous Metals and Metal Coatings for Implants"

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In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached Response to Restriction Requirement mailed September 14, 2005

With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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